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In re application of  
Sergey K. GORDEEV et al.  
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METHOD FOR PRODUCING A  
POROUS CARBON ARTICLE  
AND AN ARTICLE PRODUCED  
THEREBY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please substitute pages 3-7,9 and 15-19 with the attached pages 3-6,6a,7,9,15 and 16, which were filed in the Article 34 amendment of May 19, 1999 and are attached hereto and marked "AMENDED SHEET".

Also substitute Claims 1-24 as originally filed, with Claims 1-23 as filed in the Article 34 amendment of May 19, 1999. The pages containing Claims 1-23 are marked "AMENDED SHEET" and are attached hereto.

Further, please substitute Figures 1-4 of the drawings with the attached sheet containing Figures 1 and 2 and marked "AMENDED SHEET" as per the Article 34 amendment of May 19, 1999.

Following the insertion of claims 1-23, please amend these claims as follows: